

REAP CEP Board Minutes
February 26, 2008 Teleconference

Board Members Attending:

Vern Fish
Kathy McKee
Anita O’Gara
Linda Zaletel

CEP Monitor Attending:

Susan Salterberg

Others Attending:

No others in attendance

- 1) Anita O’Gara was nominated to chair this meeting. Susan Salterberg volunteered to take minutes.
- 2) Discussion occurred about the two REAP CEP Request for Proposals (RFPs), how much money should be allotted to the Perpetuate a Good Idea program, and how and when it be awarded. The Board decided to offer Perpetuate a Good Idea grants only in the May grant round, and agreed to stay with the existing policy of reserving \$25,000/year for mini-grants. The Board also agreed to continue with the existing policy where they may elect to use additional REAP CEP funds to award more than \$25,000 of mini-grants, or they may elect to not spend all \$25,000. The mini-grant proposals will continue to be scored at 50 points (general CEP grants use a different scorecard with a maximum of 100 points). In addition, *Perpetuate a Good Idea* proposals will be awarded first.

The Board decided that general CEP grant proposals be grouped by scores (i.e., grants receiving scores of 90-100, 80-89, 70-79 be grouped together) as a way to provide feedback to applicants. The proposals scoring 90 and above would be eligible for grant awards directly after the *Perpetuate a Good Idea* proposals are reviewed and grants awarded. Projects with scores in the 80-89 tier and 70-79 point tier would be reviewed, respectively, after the 90 and above.

All *Perpetuate a Good Idea* proposals not funded initially would have their scores doubled and then placed in the appropriate scoring tier with the general CEP grants. In this way, those proposals may be revisited and possibly awarded funds during the general CEP cycle.

The Board asked Susan to inform potential REAP CEP applicants through the CEP Update that *Perpetuate a Good Idea* projects will only be funded in May.

- 3) Susan Salterberg, project monitor, then shared updates about several grant projects in which she recently received reports. The Board answered several of Susan's questions about how to handle specific contract issues.
- 4) The REAP Congress's January meeting was also mentioned, noting that the outlook for increased environmental education funding is not likely, as the Congress voted to not revisit the REAP allocation equation.
- 5) A July 15, 1 pm date was set for the next REAP CEP teleconference.

Teleconference ended.